

# SSI Program

## SSI Recipients

**Historical comparison, 1974–98.** Shortly after the SSI program began in 1974, the number of persons receiving federally administered payments rose to 4 million. It remained at about that level until the mid-1980's, and then rose through the mid-1990's. In 1998, it stood at 6.6 million.

### Persons receiving federally administered SSI payments

| Year | Total number<br>(in thousands) |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1974 | 3,216                          |
| 1976 | 4,326                          |
| 1978 | 4,217                          |
| 1980 | 4,142                          |
| 1982 | 3,858                          |
| 1984 | 4,029                          |
| 1986 | 4,269                          |
| 1988 | 4,464                          |
| 1990 | 4,817                          |
| 1992 | 5,566                          |
| 1994 | 6,296                          |
| 1996 | 6,614                          |
| 1998 | 6,566                          |

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